



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

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Mission: *To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition*
Vision: *A community of academic excellence, Catholic in spirit and culture, nurturing integrity and respect.*

Dates to remember:

- May 26: Graduation 10:00 am
- May 28: No School—Memorial Day
- May 29-31: Final Exams
- SUMMER VACATION BEGINS!**
- June 9: ACS Night at the Rafter's



Athletic Events:

- May 25: Soccer vs Waupaca
- May 29: Golf Sectional
- Baseball Regional Semi Final
- Softball Sectional
- May 30: Baseball Regional Final
- May 31: Softball Sectional Final
- Soccer Regional

A number of the Assumption students were recognized at a Junior and Underclassmen Awards Assembly on Tuesday, May 22nd. Mr. James Austin presented the *Mark Olson Memorial Scholarships* to one male and one female who represent the values of hard work and determination and who model AHS values. The students who were recognized with this award were Josh Dachel and Grace Crowns. Mr. Rogne presented the *Bell Family Charitable Foundation Scholarships* to Kylie Kronstedt, Delaney Weiler, and Ellie Shaw. Mr. Klein recognized the *Marawood Scholar Athletes*: Sophomores – Garrett Dolan, Dennis Matott, Kendall Schill, and Calli Statz and Juniors – Mason Bushman, Erinn Dempze, Sean Dolan, Sydney Gotz, Cameron Kopacz, Cale Kubisiak, Elle Leberg, Allison Livernash, Gretchen Reichl, Ellie Shaw, and Nick Smits. The assembly ended with the awarding of the *Junior Top Scholar Awards*. Top junior scholars are named in the five core disciplines. Students recognized were Hao Anh Tran (Steve) in Math; Erinn Dempze in Religion; Cale Kubisiak in Science; Sean Dolan in Social Studies and Cameron Kopacz in English. Congratulations to all!

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER—TRADITION OF FREEDOM

As the seniors finished up their final exams of their high school careers, I had the privilege of witnessing the various traditions which surround Assumption Catholic High School graduation. From the senior awards ceremony to the Baccalaureate Mass, it was clear to me that students and faculty come together to celebrate the achievements of those graduating. Expressive of the seniors' elation was Thursday afternoon which sounded with car horns as members of the senior class circled the school with great joy. The joyous sound (to some annoying) of car horns resounded as a manifestation of uncontainable ecstasy in their new found freedom from the confines of high school, a traditional celebration of freedom.

As Christians we are not unlike our graduating seniors. They rejoice in newly acquired freedom. As Christians we too have a freedom to celebrate. This is not a freedom from school walls, but freedom of the sons of God (cf. Rm. 8:18-21). This is a freedom from sin, a freedom from eternal death, a freedom to live as God created us to be. Sometimes when we hear the word "freedom" we assume we have been licensed to do whatever we want.

However, this is not the freedom of a Christian. The freedom a Christian enjoys, true freedom, is not an unbridled permit to do what we want when we want. Rather freedom is the ability to do what is right. Sin holds us back from doing what is right all the time. I do not understand my own actions, for I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate" (Rm. 7:15). Think of it this way. If someone is in the habit of lying in small matters, they will most likely find it difficult to tell the truth when faced with large matters. The person who has not developed the habit of lying will more easily tell the truth when a serious situation arises. By His death, Christ has bestowed upon us freedom to do what is right. He has given us the possibility to choose to be who God created us to be and not merely to follow our passions. In Jesus Christ we have a freedom to achieve excellence.

Like the senior class of 2018, we too celebrate our freedom via traditions. The seniors express their bliss through a tradition received from classes gone by i.e. car horns, Baccalaureate, etc. So too does the Christian express jubilation and gratitude for their freedom. The big difference is that the Christian Tradition by which we rejoice is over two thousand years old, stemming from Christ Himself. At Sunday Mass we express our great joy in being now called children of God (cf. 1 Jm. 3:1). The first Mass was Jesus's last supper before He died in which He told His disciples, "Do this in memory of Me" (Lk. 22:19b). In this great Tradition instituted by Christ Himself we rejoice in our freedom from sin and freedom to become who God created us to be.

This week we congratulate the class of 2018. We rejoice with them in their new found freedom from high school and a freedom to pursue excellence in the next chapter of their lives. We, like them and with them, gather at Sunday Mass to rejoice in our freedom as the children of God. As Christians we have been freed *from* sin so as to be freed *for* excellence and holiness. Whereas the seniors celebrate the tradition of the horn honking parade once, Christians celebrate their freedom through the greatest of all Traditions, Sunday Mass. The Mass can be called many things, but maybe just maybe, we can see the Mass as the Christian's *Tradition of Freedom*.

Memories of a Great Year!



WE DON'T REMEMBER DAYS... WE REMEMBER MOMENTS

CAN'T HIDE OUR ROYAL PRIDE

